

## Osprey Event Enjoyed



*Dick Tuttle (white hat) explains about the Ospreys or "Fish Hawks" as others view the three babies in the nest platform on the Hoover Boardwalk in Galena.*

Approximately 20 people attended Galena's Osprey viewing event on the Boardwalk. Retired Big Walnut science teachers Dick Tuttle and Dick Phillips supplied binoculars and spotting scopes for people to view the three baby Osprey or "fish hawks" as they are also known. The event was a success and included an eagle sighting as well. The Village thanks Tuttle and Phillips for sharing their expertise.

## Walnut St. Public Meeting July 16

A public meeting will be held July 16 at 7 p.m. in Council chambers for residents to learn more about the upcoming construction project.

Council voted to transfer \$50,000 into a fund to cover survey and design work for the Walnut St. Phases 3 and 4 reconstruction. Residents in the area were notified of the survey work that began in June.

Phase 3 construction is scheduled to begin August 28 and last through November. The road will be reconstructed with permeable pavers that, along with a deep gravel base, will also serve as a more environmentally friendly storm sewer for the area from High to Church streets.

## Big Walnut Watershed Presentation July 23

David Rutter, from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, will speak at the July 23 Council meeting to present the Big Walnut Watershed Planning Partnership's recommendations.

Community representatives and stakeholders in the Big Walnut Creek Water-

shed worked together in a voluntary effort to address the interrelated issues of water quality and economic competitiveness. A major feature of the resulting Big Walnut Balanced Growth Plan is the identification of the following priority areas:

- Priority Conservation Areas - areas which are most critical for protection;
- Priority Development Areas - areas which are particularly well-suited to development or redevelopment; and,
- Priority Agricultural Areas - areas which are targeted for continued or expanded agricultural activities.

In addition to the priority area maps, the Big Walnut Balanced Growth Plan also includes an implementation toolbox containing information and resources for communities that choose to implement components of the plan.

The next step in the process is for jurisdictions in the planning area to pass resolutions of support for the plan. MORPC will then submit the plan to the state for endorsement. The state offers special incentives for communities included in the endorsed Balanced Growth Plans. These incentives can include extra points on grant applications, low-interest loans, and more. Currently, there are 28 state programs that include special consideration for communities participating in Balanced Growth.

At their July meeting, Galena's Village Council will hold a third reading on a resolution of support for the Big Walnut Watershed Planning Partnership's Balanced Growth Plan.

## Summerfest Needs You!



Jane White, Summerfest Committee chairperson, was at the June Council meeting to discuss upcoming plans for the August 25<sup>th</sup> festival. Council approved a resolution to close the streets around the square for the Summerfest beer garden area.

The festival bands have been confirmed and include Ray Fuller and the Bluesrockers, Miss Lissa & Company,

Hurricane Jerry & the Stormfront, and the Sean Carney Band.

There will be a stage with children's programming this year in the Ruffner Park KidZone.

There will be additional shuttles this year as well as the trolley running between Summerfest and Sunbury's Sizzle and Sounds Festival.

Sponsorships are still available as well as booths for arts and crafts vendors. Check out [www.discovergalenaohio.com](http://www.discovergalenaohio.com) for more information.

Volunteers are needed and can sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D4DA8AC22A57-galena/4005291](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D4DA8AC22A57-galena/4005291).

Volunteers are welcome to attend the next meeting at 10 a.m., July 14, at Murphy's Real Estate, 19 W. Columbus St., on the square.

## Galena Village Hall Renovations

Council members received a tour of the Galena Village Hall prior to the Council meeting to see the recent renovations and discuss future projects and their timing.

Cabling the building and adding a sound/recording system is in process. The stage has been demolished and reconstruction will begin soon. Council voted to dispose of the kitchen stove.

BST&G personnel walked through the building to make recommendations. Interim Village Administrator Jeanna

## Galena Dates

The following are Village Council and committee meeting dates as well as other local events. Village meetings are open to the public and are at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., unless otherwise stated.

Holiday changes \* = trash day moves to Saturday; \*\* = Council meeting changes.

July 4	Independence Day - Offices Closed
July 7*, 13	Trash Days
July 16	Walnut St. Reconstruction Public Mtg., 7 p.m.
July 18	Zoning & Planning Commission
July 20	Trash Day
July 23	Council Meeting & Watershed Presentation
July 27	Trash Day

Burrell is moving forward with drawings for a fire exit and emergency lighting system update and estimates for installation. She also has flooring estimates and is gathering estimates for additional maintenance projects.

Burrell reported on the Village's Formula Funding grant application. EMH&T Engineer Travis Eifert, Mayor Thomas Hopper, Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie, and Burrell attended a Delaware County Commissioners Hearing on the applications. The grant could fund creating Americans With Disabilities (ADA) access to the lower level of the new Galena Village Hall. Prospects look positive for funding in 2013.

## Jamison Terminated

At its June meeting, following a lengthy executive session, the Village of Galena's Council terminated Scott Jamison as its public service director, zoning inspector, property maintenance inspector, floodplain administrator, and wastewater treatment plant operator. His contract as village administrator was terminated at the May Council meeting.

## Council Actions

Council held a second reading on an ordinance to declare a no parking zone and a parallel parking zone at S. Walnut St. and Columbus St. Parking there obscures the stop sign.

## Storm & Chipping

Many residents had tree damage during the recent storms. We thank everyone who came out to help their neighbors clear away limbs. Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Stokes has been on vacation. Upon his return, we will swing into high gear clearing out brush.

Check out the next story for details on limb removal. Please do not place limbs in the street or blocking sidewalks. Thanks for your cooperation.

## Chipper Service

The Village of Galena offers a free chipping service for your convenience. This service is now available any time May through October.

When placing limbs at the curb, please follow these guidelines:

- Stack limbs in a straight pile;
- Cut side toward the street;
- No longer than 4 feet; and,
- 4" limbs or smaller.

This service is only for tree limbs. Please **do not include** the following:

- Rose, thorny, or shrub limbs;
- Grass clippings or garden debris (tomato vines, corn stalks, weeds, etc.);
- Firewood, stumps, or rocks;

- Wire, metal, or other foreign matter;
- Limbs or other materials left by contractors, and,
- Tied, bundled limbs.

The safety of our staff is very important so, if the above items or other hazardous items are found while picking up limbs, the limbs will be left for your disposal. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Sometimes, there are too many limbs to pick up in one day or circumstances require us to refocus our efforts. We will pick up your limbs at our earliest convenience. Thanks for your patience.

## Sewer Bills

Second quarter sewer bills were due June 1 for \$52.08/month (\$156.23/quarter) for residential customers. Third quarter sewer bills will go out Aug. 1.

Since the Village bills quarterly to save customers money, paying on time is crucial. Be sure to pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions. The following applies for delinquencies:

- Upon one day of being delinquent, a ten percent late charge will be assessed.
- Thirty days or more delinquent will result in a lien being filed, including administrative fees and costs, and a lawsuit may be filed to collect overdue fees.
- At 100 days past due, the sewer service will be terminated. Once terminated, the property owner will have to pay a reconnection fee as well as all past due fees.

**There are several payment options:**

- Mail payments to the Village of Galena, PO Box 386, Galena, OH 43021. Call us with any questions at 740-965-2484.
- Set up monthly sewer bill payments with no additional fees at the Delaware County Bank's Galena branch. Bring your sewer bill with you the first time.
- Set up automatic payments to have \$52.08 debited from your checking account at any bank on the 8th of each month. Forms are available in the Village offices and on the Village's web site at [www.galenaohio.org/forms/autowithdraw.pdf](http://www.galenaohio.org/forms/autowithdraw.pdf). Remember that if fees increase, you need to contact your bank to authorize an increase in your automatic payments.

## Watering Restrictions

The extended dry weather along with heavy watering are creating an extremely high water demand on the Del-Co Water system causing two critical issues: reduction of system storage which in turn has reduced system pressures to a critical level; and, reducing raw water supplies from storage reservoirs.

A short-term watering ban is in effect system-wide until July 6, 2012, to allow for system storage and water pressures to be re-established. Hand watering of shrubs and gardens is permitted.

After July 6, the following two day/week watering restrictions will be in place until further notice:

- Addresses ending with an even number may water on Sundays and Wednesdays only.
- Addresses ending with an odd number may water on Tuesdays and Saturdays only.
- **Absolutely no watering on Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays.**
- Shrubs and gardens may be hand watered any day.

## Community Ties Bicycle Tour

The 10th Annual Delaware County Friends of the Trail Community Ties Bicycle Tour presented by OhioHealth promises to build on the break-out success of previous years, with well-marked routes through scenic Delaware County; multiple snack stops featuring homemade cookies; and another delicious and healthful, locally grown and made lunch provided by the Glass Rooster Home Cannery under a large outdoor tent.

**Date:** July 28, 2012

**Time:** 7-9 a.m. (10 a.m. for Family Ride)

**Location:** Northside Fellowship Church  
6841 Freeman Road Westerville, OH

**Register:** <http://dcft.typepad.com>.

## Electronic News

Get our newsletter by email by contacting [adminassistant@galenaohio.org](mailto:adminassistant@galenaohio.org).

## Important Contacts

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In an emergency, dial	911
BST&G Fire District	965-3841 <a href="http://www.bstgfiredistrict.org">www.bstgfiredistrict.org</a>
Big-O Refuse	888-924-2446
Cable: Time-Warner	800-617-4311
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Del. Co. EMS	833-2190, <a href="http://www.delcoems.org">www.delcoems.org</a>
Del-Co Water	548-7746
Dog Warden	368-1915
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
Galena Post Office	965-2371
Health Dept.	740-368-1700 <a href="http://www.delawarehealth.org">www.delawarehealth.org</a>
Immediate Urgent Care	965-8305 101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury
Phone: Century Link	800-407-5411
PUCO	614-466-3292, 800-686-PUCO (7826) <a href="http://www.puco.ohio.gov">www.puco.ohio.gov</a>
RITA (income tax)	800-860-7482, <a href="http://www.ritaohio.com">www.ritaohio.com</a>
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